

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continuation Application of:)
Karl L. GINTER, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/221,479) Group Art Unit:
Unassigned
Filed: December 28, 1998) Examiner: Unassigned
For: TRUSTED AND SECURE TECHNIQUES,)
SYSTEMS, AND METHODS FOR ITEM)
DELIVERY AND EXECUTION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel ~~claims~~ 1-6 and add the following new claims 7 through
510.

7. A system including:
a first apparatus including
user controls,
a communications port,
a processor,
a memory containing
a first rule, and